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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:


I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Jason Adkins, President of Unite Private Networks (UPN), to serve on the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee.

Mr. Adkins' has 21 years of management experience in the telecommunications industry and he is well qualified for this important position. Prior to being named President of UPN, Mr. Adkins has held executive positions with companies such as Windstream, KDL, Level 3, TelCove, Conterra and KMC Telecom. He guided these companies through complicated negotiations and strategies involving fiber telecommunications services and broadband deployment in rural areas. Mr. Adkins will be well-positioned to share with the Advisory Committee his and UPN's experience in broadband deployment and expansion and the impediments UPN encounters that delay the delivery of broadband to all Americans, particularly for rural Americans like many of my constituents in Missouri's Sixth Congressional District.

I believe that Jason Adkins is well suited for this position and I request your full and fair consideration for his nomination. In addition, I would ask that you keep my office informed of the progress of your determination process and notify me when a decision regarding his nomination is made.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Josh Hurlbert in my Kansas City district office (816) 792-3976 or Josh.Hurlbert@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Sam Graves
Member of Congress



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March 6, 2017

The Honorable Sam Graves
U.S. House of Representatives
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Graves:

Thank you for your letter supporting the appointment of Mr. Jason Adkins, President of Unite Private Networks (UPN), to serve on the Commission's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC). We will certainly consider your recommendation and Mr. Adkins' impressive resume as the Commission reviews the nominations for the BDAC.

Last September, I proposed what I called a Digital Empowerment Agenda—a blueprint of policies that would accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access, or broadband, in communities across the country, including rural America. The BDAC is intended to provide an effective means for stakeholders to exchange ideas and develop recommendations to the Commission on broadband deployment. Its mission will be to identify regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment and to make recommendations on reducing and/or removing them, which will in turn enhance the Commission's ability to carry out its statutory responsibility to encourage broadband deployment to all Americans.

I appreciate your taking the time to communicate your recommendations to me. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai

P.S. Mr. Chairman, it's been a pleasure working with you over the past few years, and I especially enjoyed hosting you recently! Don't hesitate to get in touch if you or your staff need assistance from the FCC.